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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 6, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, **Group I (claims 1-13, 16-27, 29, 44-51, 53, 73-83, and 87-131)**, drawn to methods of inhibiting expression of a target gene in a cell. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submit that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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